Embezzlement of material in Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking

412. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that embezzlement of aterial worth crores of rupees in the stores of the Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has recently been detected;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against the officials involved in the scandal and also to plug the loopholes, if any, in the working of the undertaking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. embezzlement of material in the stores of Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has recently been detected, but it is not possible to give the exact amount involved.

In one incident which came to notice on 15-2-86 material amounting to Rs. 3.59 lakhs was about to be carted and taken away in trucks against indent which had been removed from the Indent Book of Sub-Divisional Office. The material was, however, not allowed to leave the Store and immediately investigation was taken up.

(c) The case has been handed over to C.B.I. for investigation. Some suspected employees have also been placed under suspension.

Allotment of ASIAD Village flats to eminent persons

413. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the flats in the Asiad Village in New Delhi have been kept apart for allotment to scientists, artists, journalists and social workers; and

(b) if so, what criteria and norms are being adopted for such allotments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, there is a proposal.

Central Guidelines to increase production of Oilseeds and Pulses

414. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have recently issued guidelines to various State Governments with regard to increasing the production of oilseeds and pulses and for obtaining larger production from rainfed areas; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) Production of oilseeds and pulses have been accorded a high priority under the New 20-Point Programme. States have been impressed upon to increase their production from time to time. The details of the guidelines include increase in productivity and area of these crops through the implementation of Centrally Sponsored National Oilseeds Development Project and Pulses Development Scheme in potential States. These Schemes lend support to availability of Seed, plant protection measures, extension